

Chicopee Register

Chicopee recognizes Autism Awareness Month

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – Across the world, the theme of April is “Light it up Blue” for Autism Awareness Month. On April 2, Chicopee celebrated World Autism Awareness Day with a flag-raising ceremony held outside of City Hall on Springfield Street.

A study conducted by Autism Speaks estimated that the average lifetime cost of treating Autism spectrum disorder ranges between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million. Sunshine Village, a facility offering programs for and employment to those with ASD, is located in Chicopee at 75 Litwin Lane.

Numerous staff members and employees at Sunshine Village attended last Friday’s ceremony. Mayor John Vieau presented Executive Director Gina Kos, wife of former mayor Richard Kos, with a proclamation that declared April as being World Autism Awareness Month.

“I’d like to take a moment to recognize Gina Kos for everything she does at Sunshine Village; not just for those with autism but for all those



Sunshine Village Board Member Marie Laflamme and Executive Director Gina Kos stand beside Mayor John Vieau on April 6, as he declares the month of April to be Autism Awareness Month.

with disabilities,” said Vieau. “You’ve outreached and done so much for this community and the greater Western Mass. Area, so thank you so much for what you do every day. We’re very proud to host Sunshine Village’s main campus here in Chicopee.”

Sunshine Village was es-

tablished in 1967 by a small group of parents envisioning a brighter path for their children. Today, with facilities in Chicopee, Springfield, Three Rivers and Westfield, the organization assists nearly 500 adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities each year.

“At Sunshine Village, we

serve people regardless of their disability. That was something that our founders were very committed to,” said Kos in a 2019 interview with the Chicopee Register. “When an individual comes to Sunshine Village, we look at them as an

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Staying a step ahead of scammers

BBB warns against posting photos of unedited vaccine cards

By Dalton Zbierski
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REGION – As the COVID-19 pandemic lingers, online scams are evolving, as schemes become more intricate and difficult to avoid. The Better Business Bureau reports that online scams are

on the rise.

“They play on fear, they play on uncertainty and what do we have this year? We have a lot of that. It’s perfect for scammers,” said Nancy Cahalen, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Central and Western Mass. and Northeastern Conn., which operates of Worcester.

In 2020, the BBB’s Scam Tracker technology tracked more than 46,000 scams na-

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Nancy Cahalen, President/CEO of the BBB Serving Central and Western Mass. and Northeastern Conn., is on the front line in the fight against online scammers.

COMMUNITY

Chicopee mayor: ‘We’re ready’ for vaccine clinic

The timeline for receiving doses is still unclear

By Dalton Zbierski
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CHICOPEE – Chicopee has been approved by the state to host a regional vaccine distribution site on Memorial Drive, but it remains unclear when the site will become functional.

The city has not yet received doses for the operation that will also serve residents of Granby, Holyoke and South Hadley, but anticipation is growing among city officials.

“The city of Chicopee’s Vaccine Task Force has been working diligently in preparation to be ready for our regional site at the Castle of Knights. We are excited about having that opportunity to actually administer doses here in the city of Chicopee,” said Mayor John Vieau during his April 6 briefing. “I do expect that we’ll have doses very soon. We’re ready.”

On Tuesday evening, City Council began the process of creating three new municipal positions that will be integral to the upcoming operation at the Castle of Knights. A public hearing is part of the process

that must be held before the positions become official.

A pandemic response clerk will be paid \$15 per hour; a pandemic response nurse will receive \$40 per hour; and a pandemic response lead nurse will be compensated at a rate of \$50 per hour.

“In preparation, we feel it’s necessary to have a pool of potential employees ready in case they’re needed for temporary hire to help us make sure our site runs professionally, proficiently and very effectively to help our community and region as we combat the COVID-19 virus,” said Vieau.

Several volunteer nurses and current municipal employees will also work with EMTs and regional partners at the Memorial Drive vaccine site. Hampden County Sheriff Nick Cocchi has also pledged to dedicate one employee per day to help administer vaccines at the site.

In the city of Chicopee, COVID-19 remains a prevalent health issue. Vieau offered an in-depth update during his briefing on April 6.

“The cases are rolling in at approximately 20 cases per day, and that’s been going on for about two weeks now,” said

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Polish takeout dinners at St. Stan's School, April 24

CHICOPEE – St. Stanislaus School will be having a Polish plate dinners-to-go on Saturday, April 24, from 3 to 6 p.m. behind the school at 534 Front St. in Chicopee.

This is a drive-thru event. Please stay in cars and volunteers will be glad to serve customers. The Polish dinners will have: two cabbage pierogi, two cheese and potato pierogi, one golumbki, a side of kapusta, five slices of kielbasa, and rye bread. Tickets are \$ 15 each and can be purchased in the following manner: at the School Office (9 a.m. – 2 p.m.), the Parish Office (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.), or by reserving online using the link on the school's website at www.saintstansschool.org (click the News tab) or the Parish Website at www.ststansbasilica.org. Reserved orders must be paid for at pick up on April 24. Deadline to purchase or reserve tickets is Friday, April 16. Only 600 tickets will be sold! For more information, call Cindy Conklin at (413)592-7211.

St. Stan's will also be selling the following frozen items: cabbage pierogi at \$ 8/dz., cheese and potato pierogi at \$ 9/dz., golumbki \$ 10/4pk., kapusta \$ 5/Qt. Limit of five of each item, while supplies last. There will also be a limited supply of Domins White and Beet Horseradish at \$3 a jar.

There will be homemade chrust for \$ 5 per container, and homemade cookies six for \$ 3, or 12 for \$ 5.

A raffle will be held, with tickets available for purchase at \$ 5 each, when purchasing dinner tickets and at the event. The prize is a basket with Polish items and includes \$ 75 of Mass. Lottery scratch tickets and \$ 25 cash.

RiverMills Center transportation services

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging's Transportation Department is doing emergency rides to supermarkets, pharmacies and doctor's appointment during COVID-19, for Chicopee seniors 60 and older.

Transportation service is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m., for Chicopee's older adults. For reservations, please call 413-536-5733.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chicopee COA follows all CDC Safety Standards and adheres to all mandates from the City and State of Massachusetts.

A \$10,000 grant from WestMass ElderCare has allowed the senior center to expand its transportation offerings.

Armenian Food Festival celebrates national cuisine

INDIAN ORCHARD – St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church members will hold their Spring Armenian Food Festival on Saturday, April 17, from 12 to 5 p.m. as a take-out only event at 135 Goodwin St.

On this day, visitors will be able to enjoy Armenian foods. Meals will be served featuring two kinds of grilled kebab – shish kebab (marinated lamb chunks) and losh kebab (seasoned ground lamb and beef), served with rice pilaf, fasoulia (Armenian green beans), and pita bread. For lighter fare, visitors can order spinach-cheese pie. Baked goods will feature traditional Armenian breads and pastries including choerag, paklava, and khadayif.

Cash or checks accepted. To place a take-out order or for more information, call the church office (413) 543-4763 or Sima Setian Pariseau (413) 262-7251 or email at spariseau@charter.net.

Amvets Post 12 weekly dinner specials in April

CHICOPEE – Amvets Post 12, located at 754 Montgomery St. in Chicopee, is hosting weekly dinner specials which are open to the public from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The menu is as follows:

April 15 – Roast sirloin of beef dinner, \$12

April 22 – Roast chicken dinner, \$10

April 29 – No dinner

Contact 413-315-8581 for tickets or menu of the week.

Weekly dinners will continue in May as well; menu TBD.

Equipment grant awarded to Chicopee Fire Dept.

CHICOPEE – State Representative Joseph F. Wagner (D – Chicopee) on April 2 announced the state has awarded the Chicopee Fire Department a \$20,070 grant as part of the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program for the fiscal year 2021.

The funding will support the purchase of certain protective gear to mitigate health and safety risks to local fire departments across the Commonwealth.

"I am proud of the work of my colleagues in the state legislature which has resulted in this grant being awarded to the Chicopee Fire Department,"

said Wagner. "This funding further serves as recognition of the critical assistance local fire departments provide to communities every day and especially now during the COVID-19 pandemic."

The funding for the grant program was included in an information technology and public safety

bond bill, which was enacted by the legislature and signed by the Governor in 2020, at \$25

million. 294 fire departments were awarded funds in this round of grants.

Lifeguard training class during April vacation week

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Parks Department is holding an American Red Cross lifeguard certification classes at the Chicopee Comp High School Pool. Classes will be held during school April Vacation, Tuesday, April 20 through Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participants must attend all classes. This course will include certification in Lifeguard Training, CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and Community First Aid. This is a blended class and it will consist of nine hours of online and in-person training.

Participants must be 16 years of age on or before the end of the course. The cost is \$260 for residents and \$265 for non-residents.

All participants must take a pre-skills test the first day to be officially enrolled into the class. Deadline to register is Wednesday April 14. For more info or to register log on to www.chicopeerec.com

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Massachusetts REAL ID and standard ID card presentation

CHICOPEE –A representative from The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles will be on Zoom to discuss the changes coming regarding MA I.D’s and driver’s licenses. This Zoom presentation will take place on Friday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Community Outreach representative Michele Ellicks of MassDOT and The Registry of Motor Vehicles will be discussing the changes in MA ID’s and drivers licenses and will answer questions and educate participants on the new requirements for obtaining a driver’s license or ID. Senior Center Members and the public are welcome and encouraged to attend this virtual presentation. Participants must register in advance by using the registration link on RiverMills Facebook page or by calling 413-534-3698

Two Walgreens in Chicopee approved for COVID-19 vaccines

CHICOPEE – On April 2, State Representative Joseph F. Wagner (D - Chicopee) announced that two additional retail pharmacy locations in Chicopee will be used as COVID-19 vaccination sites. The new sites were recently approved by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

“I wish to thank the Baker Administration for their continued progress on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout, specifically their concerted efforts to expand access to Gateway Cities such as Chicopee and communities in the greater western Massachusetts region,” said Wagner.

The two new sites in Chicopee are both Walgreens storefronts. They are:

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Walgreens
1 St James Avenue
 Chicopee, MA 01020
 Mon - Sat, 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.
 Sun, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Individuals currently eligible under the state’s vaccine plan may make a vaccine appointment on the retailer’s website. To find all vaccination sites, please visit the state’s website, <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>

Friends to offer free movies for seniors

SOUTH HADLEY – The Friends of the South Hadley Seniors are offering free movie tickets to one of four movies at Tower Theaters for seniors who have completed their Covid vaccinations. There will be a movie offered at 2 p.m. every Tuesday throughout April and reservations are required (no walk ins permitted): April 13 - Chocolat; April 20 – Casablanca; April 27 – Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

Seniors will need to show their vaccination card upon entering the theater and are required to wear a mask. Socially distanced seating and limited capacity are in effect per CDC and state requirements. Reservations can be made by emailing southhadleyseniors@gmail.com or by calling Ola at 536-3187. Please provide your first and second choice for movie preference.



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This class focuses on functional movement & fun. This is an online class. Join Ryan every Monday and Friday at 12 p.m. The Zoom link is shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please contact RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be emailed to you. Please save the Zoom link as that is the link you will use each class.

Zoom Tai Chi with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Tai Chi with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

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‘Mindful Eating Practices’ presentation, April 21

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging will host the Zoom presentation “Mindful Eating Practices” on Wednesday, April 21 at 11 a.m.

This workshop, presented by Ascentria Care Alliance, will help participants learn about mindful eating practices, reviewing some well-known approaches to mindful eating, how they differ from the standard “dieting” approach to weight loss and how to incorporate some of these practices into your daily routine. To register, visit RiverMills Centers Facebook page or call 413-534-3698.

Zoom Meditation with Michelle

CHICOPEE – The Council on Aging offers “Meditation with Michelle” Via Zoom, Thursdays at 12 p.m.

Are you feeling stressed? Do you want to learn how to relax? Join us for Meditation on Zoom. This class is led by Michelle Zemba LMT. This is an online class. The Zoom link will be shared on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page. If you do not have Facebook, please call RiverMills Center at (413) 534-3698 to provide your email address for the Zoom link to be sent to you. Please save the link as this will be the link you will use for each class.

Tuesday yoga at RiverMills Center

CHICOPEE – The Chicopee Council on Aging will be offering Zoom Yoga on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Caitlin Lavin, Certified Yoga Instructor, will be leading classes. These classes are free and the Zoom links are available on RiverMills Center’s Facebook page or by calling (413) 534-3698.

Scholarships from Chase, Clarke, Stewart & Fontana Insurance Agency

REGION – Chase, Clarke, Stewart & Fontana Insurance Agency, located in Springfield, is currently accepting applications for its 2021 ChaseIns & Ray Beattie Scholarship Awards. Two participating high school seniors will be awarded a \$1,000 each.

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HCC spring play inspired by pandemic

‘In These Times’ a ‘brilliant collage’ of stories, music and art

HOLYOKE – Most theatrical productions begin with a script.

“In These Times” began with a concept: ask students at Holyoke Community College to write first-person accounts of their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic; audition student- and alumni-actors to perform those stories; and complement the monologues with music and art contributed by other members of the HCC community.

“It’s interesting putting something like this together,” said HCC theater professor Patricia Sandoval, the show’s director. “You don’t know what you’re going to get.”

What she got and how it all fit together she calls a “brilliant collage.”

“This is going to be a really unique production,” said Sandoval, “because we are incorporating so many art forms. It’s a really wonderful showcase of what students have done throughout the pandemic. All of the writing and art is original and some of the music. All of it was inspired by these times, which is where the title comes from.”

Presented by the HCC Theater, Music and Visual Art departments, “In These Times” opens on Thursday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. The virtual show will be live-streamed on YouTube and performed again on Friday, April 16, and Saturday, April 17,



Lauren Bailey. COURTESY PHOTOS

at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on April 17. The Friday night show will be ASL-interpreted.

Performances are free and open to all. The show channel can be accessed through hcc.edu/times-show

The shows will not be recorded for later viewing.

“This will be live,” said Sandoval. “It’s really meant to be experienced in real time, with a real audience, even though the audience is watching remotely.”

The cast includes 18 student- and alumni-actors performing 40 different monologues that run one to four minutes apiece during the 90-minute show. Each actor will perform from their homes in front of their computers, with the video segments stitched together remotely in real time by streaming coach and HCC theater alumnus Corey Missildine, who performed the same role during HCC’s fall 2020 production, an original, live-streamed play called “Fatal

Fisticuffs.”

“What’s beautiful about these monologues is that they represent the diversity of the college, whatever that can be defined as,” Sandoval said. “Age, race, ethnicity - we’ve got everything represented in this production because that’s what HCC is.”

Eight student and alumni musicians pre-recorded performances for the show. That includes three original compositions: “Covid Suite,” a multimedia, electronic piece by student Jim Gipe; “Nero (Live in the Time of Corona),” by student Elena Ciampa (piano and vocals) and “When,” by HCC alumna Luci Mino ‘18 (ukulele and vocals).

“The other musical performances aren’t originals, and aren’t necessarily related to the theme of the show,” said Elissa Brill Paskin, chair of the HCC Music Department, “but they are in terms of how the performances were put together. Just the



Mikey Perez.

fact that people are performing alone, in their homes instead of with others on a stage and often accompanying or backing up themselves, really speaks to the way we are all finding ways to make music during these times.”

Approximately 45 students and alumni contributed artwork that will be used to bind each of the monologues together on screen.

“The artwork is at times a direct response to specific moments or events of this past year,” said Felice Caivano, chair of the HCC Visual Art Department. “For example, alumna Isabella Dellolio’s photographs document friends wearing masks. Alumni David Czupryna, Samary Ramos, and Jamie Capps, among many student artists, present poetic interpretations of the times we have been living through while others created work abstract in nature providing an image of beauty that we can all use right now. This collaborative project has the poten-

tial to give the viewer pause to contemplate these times at many levels.”

All the script submissions came from student work assigned last fall by professors in their HCC classes.

“The writing has exposed all the issues that are relevant across the globe,” said Sandoval. “Mental health. Loneliness. Isolation. Remote learning. Fear. But the writing also shows HCC students as being resilient, hopeful, optimistic, and self-reliant. That all comes through, and it’s beautiful.”

IF YOU GO:

“In These Times”
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April 17, 2 p.m.

hcc.edu/times-show
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STCC Dental Hygiene Clinic extends free treatment through April

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College’s Dental Hygiene Clinic will continue to offer free preventative treatment for children and adults through April.

The clinic on the campus of STCC started offering free treatment in February. STCC usually charges a nominal fee for services, but the college decided to waive fees to help the community, many of whom are facing financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the direction of licensed dental hygienists and dentists, STCC dental hygiene students treat patients at the clinic. They provide a range of services, including scaling and prophylaxis (teeth cleaning), X-rays if needed, fluoride treatments and dental sealants for children.

The clinic, which is open Monday through Friday, is accepting appointments starting at 8 a.m. The clinic closes at 4 p.m.

Dental hygiene student Lauren Willhoite of Southampton said the clinic presents an opportunity for her to get experience and to help the community.

“Patients don’t need insurance to get a cleaning here, so a lot of patients who can’t see the dentist because it’s too expensive or they can’t get insurance can come see us. It’s a lot more affordable here, and our doctors are great,” Willhoite said.

The clinic adheres to strict safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic. The college has temporarily suspended any aerosol generating



STCC dental hygiene student Lauren Willhoite of Southampton works with a patient at the dental hygiene clinic on the STCC campus. COURTESY PHOTO.

procedures (namely, ultrasonic scalers and polishing teeth) from treatment options. In certain cases, under direction of a faculty member, such treatment might be allowed using devices that eliminate 93 percent of aerosols.

The college has limited the number of people who can gather in the clinic and labs to allow for social distancing.

Both students and faculty wear masks and face shields. All dental hygiene students, faculty and staff are scheduling appointments to be vaccinated.

Anyone who enters Building 20, where the clinic is located, must complete an attestation form and answer questions about any recent travel outside of Massachusetts and if they have experienced any symptoms related to COVID-19 or have been exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms. Staff also will check temperatures of people entering the building.

To schedule an appointment, call (413) 755-4900. For more information, visit stcc.edu/dental.

Watch a video about the clinic at stcc.io/dental.

Autism Connections holds 30th annual Autism Conference

REGION – April is Autism Awareness month, and Autism Connections, the Western Massachusetts Autism Center serving families and individuals in Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties, is hosting its 30th Annual Autism Conference on April 29.

The day-long virtual educational conference brings together hundreds of parents, caregivers, educators, people with autism, self-advocates, professionals, organizations and service providers to build awareness and knowledge, be inspired and make meaningful connections.

“The conference is virtual this year, but the engagement that people associate with the annual conference will be the same,” said Karen Serra, director of Autism Connections.

“We know how busy people’s days are right now,” Serra said, “we are thrilled to be able to offer all who register access to recordings of the conference until December 2021.”

Morning and afternoon breakout sessions led by experts will focus on topics as they relate to autism, including “Boundaries and Relationships,” “I Used to Be Bullied for Having Autism – Here’s When it Stopped,” “Combating Diagnostic Disparities in African Americans,” “Individualized College Support for Students in Need of Transition Services” and many more.

Educator, writer, and global advocate Morénike Giwa Onaiwu is the morning keynote speaker, and will also present a breakout session titled, “Forged by Fire: The Intersection of Race, Disability, and Gender.”

Stacey Gordon, an American puppeteer who is best known for portraying Julia, a four-year-old female Muppet with autism on Sesame Street, is the afternoon keynote speaker. Stacey, who is the mom of

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Staff and affiliates of Sunshine Village participated in a flag-raising ceremony outside of City Hall on April 2.



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individual and provide the services that they need in a safe, respectful and dignified way. We have an array of services that allow the individual to be successful and shine.”

Sunshine Village’s multi-million dollar budget is supported by federal, state and private funding. Its employees work tirelessly to ensure the happiness and growth of all they serve.

As he led the chilly ceremony last Friday morning, Vieau remarked, “It is very cold. It doesn’t feel like April and Opening Day for the Boston Red Sox and our golf course.”

Cold weather could not dampen the spirits of all those in attendance, neither did it deter a number of city officials from coming out to celebrate the occasion.

Also at the ceremony were Acting Police Chief Lonnie Dakin, Assitant Superintendent Alvin Morton, Library Di-

rector Nancy Contois, Hampden County Registry of Probate Rosemary Saccomani, Planning Director Lee Pouliot, City Treasurer and Sunshine Village board member Marie Laflamme, City Councilor Gerry Roy, School Committee representative Mary Beth Costello and Public Information Officer Donna Liszka.

Autism spectrum disorder now affects one in 68 children, according to Massachusetts General Hospital. As one of the country’s fastest growing developmental disorders, a child is more likely to suffer from ASD than diabetes, cancer and AIDS combined.

The developmental disability typically reveals itself before the age of 3. While there is no cure for the disorder, children that receive early intervention are more likely to live enjoyable lives.

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a child with autism, will also present a breakout session on “Puppeteering for Parents and Professionals” on connecting with children through puppets.

This year’s event is made possible in part thanks to the generosity of Presenting Sponsor Radcliffe is the Reason and Arthur Too! Fight for Autism.

For more information about Autism Connections or the 30th Annual Autism Conference, visit AutismConnectionsMa.org or email autismconnections@pathlightgroup.org.

Greater Springfield Senior Services announces assistance with COVID vaccine registration

REGION – Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. (GSSSI) is now assisting older adults with registering for the COVID-19 vaccine through the online registration portals.

Interested parties can call GSSSI at (413) 781-8800 (Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to be connected to a highly trained, bilingual team of dedicated Information and Referral Specialists. Staff are ready to assist with online sign-ups and are available to answer any questions.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. One who manufactures

6. Science degree

9. Database management system

13. Desert

14. Inventor Musk

15. Welsh valley

16. Round Dutch cheese

17. Saying

18. Comedian and TV host

19. Uppermost portions of the brain

21. City in Transylvania

22. Where astronauts go

23. Men's hairstyle

24. Indicates position

25. One point east of due south

28. Businessmen may have one

29. Grass part

31. Running back Gurley

33. Unwavering

36. Options

38. Annoy

39. Greek mountain

41. Pastas

44. Fishes

45. Wrap

46. Potentially a criminal (slang)

48. Seize

49. The Constitution State

51. Upset

52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ

54. Central Chinese province

56. Predisposition

60. A notice of someone's death

61. One-time Kentucky Rep.

62. Swiss river

63. Dried-up

64. Finger millet

65. ___ Allan Poe

66. German river

67. Brew

68. Kenyan river

CLUES DOWN

1. Millisecond

2. Acts as military assistant

3. Knot in a tree

4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers

5. The Ocean State

6. Point the finger at

7. Parts in a machine

8. Midway between northeast and east

9. Portray precisely

10. Blister

11. Mental illness

12. Nose of an animal

14. What students receive

17. Semitic peoples

20. Beats per minute

21. Family of drugs

23. Atrocious

25. Type of microscope (abbr.)

26. ___ or bust

27. Icelandic poems

29. A citizen of Pakistan

30. Very pale

32. Metric linear unit

34. Sea eagle

35. Biblical judge of Israel

37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)

40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

42. Cool!

43. Large hotel room

47. Type of boat (abbr.)

49. Picked

50. Type of hookah

52. Attack

53. Directs

55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter

56. Finished negotiation

57. Heroic tale

58. Middle Eastern country

59. Protein-rich liquids

61. Malaysian Isthmus

65. Spielberg's alien

EDITORIAL

History Matters is a biweekly feature courtesy of The Grateful American Book Prize, which is given to children's books that emphasize the importance of American history.

HISTORY MATTERS

Conservation Corps, Space age and animal cruelty

April 1 to April 15

By John Grimaldi and David Bruce Smith

Intrinsically, Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a conservationist, who once said, "the forests are the lungs of our land [which] purify our air and give fresh strength to our people."

On April 5, 1933, a year after he was elected President, FDR formed the Civilian Conservation Corps [CCC]; he believed it would put thousands of citizens back to work during "the Great Depression" and ensure the health of America's woodlands.

Those who enlisted in "Roosevelt's Tree Army" got \$30 per month, approximately \$600 in 2021 currency, and access to vocational education to facilitate their re-entry into the job market. Enlistment was intended to be only six months, but many of the recruits stayed longer.

According to History.com, "CCC employees fought forest fires, planted trees, cleared and maintained access roads, re-seeded grazing lands and implemented soil-erosion controls. They built wildlife refuges, fish-rearing facilities, water storage basins and animal shelters. To encourage citizens to get out and enjoy America's natural resources, FDR authorized the CCC to build bridges and campground facilities. From 1933 to 1942, the CCC employed over 3 million men."

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Hitch" by Jeanette Ingold.

Space age

America's space age began April 9, 1959, when seven test pilots with "The Right Stuff" were formally presented to the nation as its inaugural astronauts. The "Mercury Project", as they were known, was composed of Scott Carpenter, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., John H. Glenn Jr., Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Walter Schirra Jr., Alan Shepard Jr. and Donald Slayton.

Their goal was to launch a sequence of successfully manned missions to space.

Two years earlier, the Soviet Union had astonished the world, when it put the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into orbit, but America, resolved to eclipse them, was stunned a second time, when their cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, piloted the planet's first manned space flight in April 1961, less than a month before Mercury astronaut Alan Shepard, went up in his spacecraft, the Freedom 7.

By then, the hustle for celestial superiority was ramped up with a zing, but the U.S. continued to lag--until 1969, when NASA's Apollo astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins took "one giant leap for mankind"—and landed on the moon.

For more information, the Grateful American Book Prize recommends "Project Mercury: America in Space Series" by Eugene Reichl.

Preventing animal cruelty

Henry Bergh was a wealthy man who learned a great lesson when he was given a diplomatic post at the U.S. Embassy in Russia by President Abraham Lincoln. As one account put it, "While in St. Petersburg he is reputed to have seen a droshkie or Russian peasant beating his fallen cart horse. Bergh dismounted from his own carriage and intervened, saving the horse from a further beating that day. Upon his return to America in 1865, he stopped in England and met with

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GUEST COLUMN

The best way to root stem cuttings

Neil, who reads the column in the Wilbraham Times, asked the Garden Lady to write about taking stem cuttings. He enjoyed my commentary on houseplants from a few weeks back and seemed interested in trying his hand at propagating some of his own plants by this method. Here you go, Neil! I wish you loads of success.

Getting a piece of stem to form roots is relatively easy. Here are a few tips that will guarantee your success. First, make sure that the plant you are taking the cuttings from, called the "stock plant," is insect and disease-free and well hydrated. Plan to take cuttings in the morning before the heat of the day has a chance to cause any wilting. A clean, sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners is the best tool for the job. Cuttings can be taken at any time during the growing season. Spring is a great time to take cuttings of plants that you've overwintered provided they are growing well. Just this past week I took cuttings of both scented geraniums and rosemary.

Begin by examining your stock plant. Those stems with the closest placed nodes are the best choice for cutting material. Nodes are the point on the stem from which the leaves grow. There is a strong accumulation of hormones in this area; for that reason stem cuttings are taken just after a node. Terminal cuttings, (those from the growth tip) three to four inches long are desirable. It is tempting to take longer pieces, figuring that the end result will be a larger plant. These are likely to wilt before they root or take a very long time to root because the stems are woodier the further down you go. Play it safe with stout cuttings.

There are all kinds of potting mediums in which to place the cutting while it is grows roots. Ideally it should be able to hold enough moisture to keep the cutting turgid yet not hold so much that it rots the stem. Sand, perlite, and soilless potting mixes have all been used with success. Water is not recommended as "watery roots" will have a harder time adapting to potting soil later on. I have had good luck rooting cuttings in peat-based potting mixes that are formulated for seed starting. Moisten the material well and fill your clean container of choice up to the top and tamp it down.

Cut only a few cuttings at a time so that wilting doesn't occur while you prepare the stems for insertion into the growing medium.

IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

Strip off the bottom one-third of leaves from the cutting. If you wish to shorten the amount of time it takes for rooting to occur, a commercial rooting hormone can be used. These come in powder or liquid forms. Follow the directions on the container. I have found that "less is more" when using these products. When you are ready to "stick" the cutting make an indentation into the growing medium with a pencil or dibble first; do not push in with the stem! After the

cutting is inserted, firm the medium around it well so that it stays in place. Put the container, cuttings and all in a clear plastic bag and place in a shady location. The humidity within the bag ought to prevent the stems from wilting. Water well, only about once weekly. After a month or so, roots will begin to form on the scented geraniums; rosemary may take six weeks or more.

Transplanting into individual pots can be done once the roots equal or surpass the size of the cutting. I like to start out with a small pot and transplant up a size or two at a time as the plant grows; likewise, using newly-rooted cuttings together in a mixed planter works well, too.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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tionally, a 24.9% increase in the number reported in 2019. Online scams played a significant role in the upsurge.

Cahalen encourages residents to rely solely on trusted sources for information. Rather than look to social media, Cahalen recommends seeking COVID-19-related guidance from the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“Go to the CDC. Don’t learn about the vaccine from Facebook. It’s really important that people find a trusted site, stick with it and get their information there,” said Cahalen, adding that municipal websites ending in ‘.gov’ are also reliable sources.

Receiving an unexpected email or text message should also warrant suspicion. When presented with a link to an unknown site, never click on it.

“To get an email or text message out of the blue, that should seem a little off. They’ll probably tell you to click on a link to verify information – that’s a common threat as well. Don’t ever do that. The

government already has your information, they don’t need it from you. Don’t believe in any of that,” said Cahalen.

At all stages of the pandemic, online scammers have profited off a wide range of schemes. Some request payments, offering priority access to be vaccinated. Others collect a victim’s personal information and use it to steal his or her stimulus money.

Other scammers mail out fake checks that look identical to government-issued paper stimulus checks. Once the victim deposits his or her actual check, the scammer makes contact, claiming to be the government, demanding that some of the money be returned.

Over the past several months, a popular social media trend has popularized posting pictures of vaccination cards, which, unedited, can reveal important personal details.

“Some people just don’t know when to stop sharing,” said Cahalen. “I don’t think they realize that a lot of this personal information can be used to steal their

identity. Don’t be posting a picture of the actual card.”

Not all prevalent online scams relate directly to the pandemic. Many scammers post pictures of animals, fabricate a backstory, including the animal’s need for a new home, and then request a below market price and an online payment for the animal.

“A large number of scams pull at the heart strings. Don’t think with your heart. Think with your head,” said Cahalen. “They’ve moved on from puppies to shelter dogs. Sometimes, you’ll hear people say, ‘Don’t buy a puppy; get a dog from the shelter,’ so the scammers hear this too and say, ‘Oh, we can make some money there.’”

Cahalen reported that a local resident was recently robbed of \$25,000, after attempting to purchase a Maine Coon Cat, a rare breed, online.

More and more people are becoming susceptible to online scams, and it isn’t because they are naïve or particularly vulnerable. Cahalen believes that scammers

are simply improving and complicating their ruses at an alarming rate.

The BBB’s Scam Tracker can be accessed at BBB.org/Scamtracker. The technology collects reports of scams, documenting a myriad of schemes that affect residents all throughout the country.

“We ask consumers if they think they’ve been scammed, or there was an attempt to scam them, to report it. All that information helps law enforcement, the media and other consumers. We call those consumers who report these scams our ‘Scam Tracker heroes’ because they’re sharing valuable information that will do good,” said Cahalen.

Data collected during 2020 revealed that residents aged 18-25 are more vulnerable to online scams than most other age demographics, further supporting the theory that anyone can fall victim to a ruse.

For more information pertaining to scams, visit bbb.org.

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the president of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Once back in New York, Bergh quickly took action to affect the formation of a similar society in the United States.”

On April 10, 1866, he founded American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; it became a model for the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

His passion and his accounts of the cruelties suffered by animals enabled him to convince the New York State Legislature to give him a charter to organize the first ASPCA, and to enact the first anti-cruelty law in the

United States.

The ASPCA also got the power to investigate complaints of animal cruelty, and to make arrests. History.com notes that “As the pioneer and innovator of the humane movement, the ASPCA quickly became the model for more than 25 other humane organizations in the United States and Canada.”

By the time Bergh died in 1888, 37 of the 38 states in the Union [at that time] had passed anti-cruelty laws.”

The Grateful American Book Prize recommends “A Traitor to His Species: Henry Bergh and the Birth of the Animal Rights Movement,” 1st Edition, by Ernest Freeberg,

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Vieau. “My message to everyone out there is to, even though the vaccine rollout is happening, still be conscience of what the rules are and what the advisories and orders are.”

On April 6, the city reported a total of 242 active cases. An accumulative total of 3,833 residents have come down with COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic; 3,449 have recovered while 26 others have died.

Currently, two Walgreens locations and two CVS Pharmacies in the city of Chicopee are administering vaccines.

Vieau continues to urge residents to utilize the Eastfield Mall in Springfield, where a large-scale vaccine distribution site

has been operational for several months.

“If you are having trouble and cannot get an appointment, please call my office,” said Vieau. “You can call the RiverMills Senior Center here in Chicopee. We’re here to help. Our goal is to help everyone and get doses in people’s arms.”

The timeline remains murky regarding the vaccine distribution site that is set to open at the Castle of Knights. Vieau is confident, however, that it will soon be up and running.

The RiverMills Senior Center at 5 W Main St. continues to serve as the city’s COVID-19 testing site and is open on Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. until noon.

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Loss of officer William “Billy” Evans, WNE alumnus

Dr. Robert E. Johnson
statement of condolence

SPRINGFIELD – “It is with a heavy heart that I report that William “Billy” Evans, the United States Capitol Police Officer tragically killed last week in Washington D.C., was a member of the Golden Bear Community. Billy graduated from WNE in 2002 as a Criminal Justice major, and began his United States Capitol Police (USCP) service shortly after graduation in 2003. He was a member of the USCP for 18 years, most recently serving as a member of the Capitol Division’s First Responder Unit.

While at WNE, Billy was a member of the baseball team, bowling team, and campus activities board (CAB). In the past 24 hours, Billy’s close friends from WNE have been reminiscing about their time with him on campus, describing him as someone who was extremely welcoming and friendly, humble, and always willing to help others.

Billy was a proud father of two children, Abby and Logan, with whom he loved spending time with.

Once again, we are called to pause and reflect on a great tragedy, and to reaffirm our sense of humanity in a time of sorrow and strife-remembering one who so bravely served our nation’s capital. Please keep Billy Evans and his family in your prayers.”

Robert E. Johnson, Ph.D.
President
Western New England University

HCC plans virtual graduation, fall campus return

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College is planning a virtual commencement for spring and preparing to welcome students, faculty and staff safely back to campus for the fall 2021 semester.

HCC’s 75th Anniversary Commencement will be livestreamed on Sat., June 5, on the HCC website and the college’s social media channels. (The college was founded in Sept. 1946 and will be recognizing the milestone throughout the year.)

The virtual commencement will celebrate the class of 2021 as well as the class of 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, HCC made the decision last year to recognize the class of 2020 with a virtual celebration in August 2020 and also invite graduates to participate in a more traditional graduation ceremony this year along with the class of 2021.

Planning for Commencement begins months in advance, and HCC officials made their decision on this year’s ceremony based on conditions in February before new guidelines were announced allowing for limited outdoor and indoor ceremonies.

“Unlike the 2020 celebration, the 2021 ceremony will include traditional Commencement moments with an emphasis on the elements our students told us matter most to them,” said President Christina Royal. Those elements include having student orators from both classes, and keynote speeches delivered by the 2020 and 2021 recipients of the Elaine Marieb

Chair for Teaching Excellence, HCC’s highest faculty award.

“We will also have a virtual procession and the traditional reading of names of graduates from both classes along with photographs submitted by members of each class,” Royal said.

In advance of Commencement, HCC will be inviting students to campus on May 6 and 7 to pick up their caps and gowns, graduation gift boxes, and lawn signs celebrating their success. President Royal and members of the College Affairs committee will also be there to offer in-person, albeit socially distant, congratulations to the graduates and the opportunity to have their photos taken with the president.

Return to Campus

For the fall 2021 semester, which begins Tues., Sept. 7, HCC is offering a variety of class formats, including face-to-face, in-person, on-campus classes with a maximum of 10 students per classroom.

Following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the fall 2021 return-to-campus plan allows for maximum flexibility and adaptability, at all times prioritizing the safety and well-being of HCC students, faculty, and staff.

HCC will provide multiple course formats to suit different learning styles and personal preferences: on campus; blended on campus and remote; synchronous remote; and asynchronous online.

“HCC is paying particular attention to scheduling courses that will allow incoming students to maximize on-campus instruction if they so choose,” Royal said. “The plan provides us the flexibility to make adjustments as public health conditions evolve over the months ahead.”

In addition to on-campus, blended and remote offerings for Fall 2021, HCC will continue to offer a full slate of fully online courses across the curriculum. As much as possible, administration offices and student services will also be open and staffed, while maintaining safe and social-distancing protocols, including mandatory mask-wearing and Plexiglass screens in areas where students and members of the public most closely interact with staff.

While campus offices and support services will be open to students this fall, HCC will also continue to offer services and support through online chat and Zoom for students who feel more comfortable accessing college services remotely.

“I really believe the pandemic has made HCC a better version of itself,” said Royal. “We have enhanced our support for students, and have amplified student voices throughout every decision-making process – always placing students first. We have made equity a greater priority across the college, enabling us to truly and more deeply serve our community.”

Registration opens April 12 for summer and fall classes at HCC.

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REGION – The Valley Press Club, based in Springfield, will award up to six \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut who are interested in pursuing a career in journalism.

- The Valley Press Club Scholarships, funded by contributions and dues to the Press Club, are for students planning careers in print, online or broadcast journalism.
- The Republican Scholarship, funded by The Republican, is for students living within the newspaper’s circulation area who are planning careers in print journalism.
- The 22News Scholarship, funded by WWLP-22News is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism.
- The Edward J. Malley Jr. Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of a chief photographer for the Springfield Newspapers, is for students planning careers in photojournalism.
- The Rhonda Swan Memorial Scholarship, established in memory of the award-winning journalist, editor and author, is for students who are underrepresented, in the Springfield, Mass. area, planning careers in journalism.
- The Al Jaffe Scholarship, funded by Mr. Jaffe, the Valley Press Club’s first scholarship recipient in 1964, who retired in 2015 as vice president of talent negotiation and production recruitment at ESPN, is for students planning careers in broadcast journalism or sports journalism.

Primary emphasis is placed on career goals, writing ability, scholastic aptitude and overall achievement as measured by an applicant’s high school transcript, class rank, academic awards, SAT scores and extracurricular activities.

Scholarship applications are available at www.ValleyPressClub.com, high school guidance offices, or by emailing NTassinari@TheBigE.com. Applications may be sent by mail to Noreen Tassinari, VPC Scholarship Chair, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089 or electronically to NTassinari@TheBigE.com. The deadline for submissions is April 15. Over the course of five decades, The Valley Press Club has presented over \$130,000 in scholarships to eligible students.

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By Tim Peterson
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE — Just like in the previous two meetings on the gridiron between Holyoke and Chicopee Comp, last Thursday afternoon's game was a high scoring affair. The two high school football teams combined to score a total of eleven touchdowns.

When the dust finally settled, the Purple Knights players were celebrating a 44-34 victory spoiling the Colts senior day at Mitchell Kuzdzal Field.

"Our offense had a no quit attitude in today's game," said Holyoke head coach Joe Dutsar. "Having the lead for the whole game was also extremely important for our confidence. I don't know how the players would've responded had we ever trailed in the game."

Not only did the Purple Knights (1-1) get into the win column for the first time during the Fall II season, they also snapped a two-game losing streak against the Colts (0-3).

The last meeting between the two high school's took place in October of 2019. Comp walked away with a 53-35 in that game. The Colts squeaked a 31-28 road win over the Purple Knights in 2018.

A couple of Holyoke players played very well offensively in this year's contest.

Junior quarterback Quinn Cauley completed six passes for



Nathan Conde heads into a crowd of players on the line.

81 yards and three touchdowns. He also scored a rushing touchdown.

Senior running back William Dumoulin rushed for a total of 183 yards on 12 carries. He also scored two touchdowns.

"William is a tough kid," Dutsar said. "I don't think he gets enough credit because we have so many skill players."

Junior Jael Cabera also had two receiving touchdowns.

"We were able to spread the ball around to multiple players and it kept them from focusing on just one player," Dutsar added. "Our defense made a huge play in the fourth quarter."

The Purple Knights were missing two key linemen. Junior Aidan Stark and senior Kevin Jourdain, who's going to be



Quarterback Brennan Fields makes a pass attempt.

playing college football at Yale University in the fall, were sidelined with injuries.

Despite the final outcome in this week's game, Comp head coach Tony Couture was pleased with his team's effort against Holyoke.

"We would've loved to have won the game, but we played so much better today than we did during the first two weeks," Couture said. "We're just trying to get a little bit better in every game, which we did today."

The 15 Colts seniors, who were honored in a ceremony following the game along with the senior cheerleaders, are Brennan Fields, Giovanni Sharlow, Caleb Ellis, Jacob Layda, De'Nali

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State tournament added for spring sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION — This fall, a statewide tournament will take the place of the Western Massachusetts tournaments schools in the region have been used to for many years.

This school year was supposed to be the final year of the sectional tournaments held that are sponsored by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. However, two of those tournaments, the fall and winter, were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It also cancelled what existed for a state tournament, which consisted of sectional champion versus sectional champion. The four sectional champions would meet in semifinals and then finals.

While the MIAA was looking to hold a spring tournament, it was only going to occur at the sectional level. Now, the Board of Directors have approved the two-game state tournaments for the spring season, which will begin on Monday, April 26. There will be a short preseason and games will begin in early May.

The spring season is set to include baseball, softball,

lacrosse, tennis, outdoor track, and boys volleyball. It is also supposed to include wrestling, a winter sport that was deemed to high to happen during the winter while there was a second major spike in COVID-19 cases.

The MIAA Tournament Management Committee met on Thursday, March 25 to discuss the spring tournaments.

The key to tournaments will take place on June 2. That is the deadline for teams to opt in or out of the tournament. Schools will have the ability to decide, for the safety of their students, whether or not they will participate in a spring tournament. The opt-in or out is for schools that may be in high-risk areas and do not want to risk facing teams they may not normally see.

Since the pandemic, schools in Western and Central Massachusetts have been placed in geographically-centered pods to limit travel and exposure.

The spring tournament is set to start on June 16 and 17 with a June 15 cut-off date for regular season games. A short spring season is not unusual to

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The Big Outlaw Open starts this weekend with the Thompson Icebreaker 125.

Thompson Icebreaker 125 just the start of Big Outlaw Open season

WATERBURY, Vt. — Connecticut's Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park is just over a week away from the annual Icebreaker. The 82nd season opener on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 is headlined by the Icebreaker 125 for the new Outlaw Open Modified Series, pitting the region's Tour-type Modified stars in a \$10,000-to-win showdown.

Noted open-wheel racers such as Doug Coby, Craig Lutz, Bobby Santos III, Jon McKennedy, and Matt Swanson are officially committed to

the Icebreaker 125. The Sunday shootout is just the beginning, though. Six Outlaw Open Series events are planned for the 2021 season with big purses and even bigger action.

It culminates with the return of the Thompson 300. The \$20,000-to-win event is part of the World Series of Speedway Racing on October 8-10. It's been 16 years since the late Ted Christopher won the last Thomson 300 in 2005. Not only is the Icebreaker 125 important in its own right, but it

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All NE-10 colleges to make playoffs

COLCHESTER, Vt. - The Northeast-10 Conference unveiled its postseason plan for the spring semester on Thursday, announcing all baseball, men's and women's lacrosse, softball and men's and women's tennis programs will automatically qualify for league tournaments while also revealing the date and location of the men's golf championship. Saint Michael's College sponsors all seven of these sports, with each program having begun competition already this spring.

Similar to the adjustments made to spring schedules as part of the conference's return-to-play plan, the NE10 has altered postseason competition formats in an effort to reduce travel and allow for regular COVID-19 surveillance testing. The allowance of full-field postseason formats factors in the reality of teams not being able to complete their full regular-season schedules due to COVID-19 protocol and therefore allows each team the opportunity to compete for a league championship.

Key changes to the normal postseason format includes a one-day, 36-hole men's golf championship on April 20 at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield, Mass. For baseball, women's lacrosse and softball, whose regular seasons are being played within divisions, the postseason format retains a divisional format until the final championship event or series. Both divisions have their own seven-team bracket to determine which two schools will play for that NE10 championship, as the top seed from each draws a first-round bye while the second through fourth seeds host opening-round contests. The women's lacrosse tournament begins on April 30, softball on May 4 and baseball on May 11. Divisional finals for baseball and softball are best-of-three series before the Northeast and Southwest division winners meet in another best-of-three set.

The seven-team men's tennis championship begins on April 24, when the No. 1 seed receives a bye while the second- through fourth-seeded squads host opening-round matches. Women's tennis and men's lacrosse, which start on April 25 and 28, respectively, will feature 11-team brackets, with the top five squads in each receiving first-round byes. The sixth, seventh and eighth seeds host opening-round contests.

All brackets or schedules are subject to change based on the established institutional and conference health protocol. The health and safety of student-athletes, coaches and campus communities remains the primary focus for the league. Conference winning percentage will determine championship seeding for team sports, with higher seeds serving as the host institutions throughout the tournaments. All game and match times are to be determined.

Elliot DeGray tries to make a tackle.



Elliot DeGray tries to make a tackle.

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Treadwell, Gabe Joubert, Trent Bordeau, Nathan Conde, Jordan Boyington, Nathan Laplante, Tyler Leahy, Richard Seymour, Brad Bobrowski, Cam Boylan, and Ezequiel Perez.

"I'm just happy that the seniors have this experience this year," Couture said. "For a long time, it didn't look like we would even be playing football because of COVID. All of them are great kids and they're going to be successful in life."

Conde, who's a running back, led the way offensively for the home team. He carried the ball a total of 30 times for 172 and four touchdowns.

"Nathan played a great game today," Couture said. "The lineman did an outstanding job of giving him room to run."

The offensive fireworks began on the first play of the game.

Cauley, who's a left-handed QB, threw a pass to senior Scott Leary. He then lateraled the ball back to Dumoulin, who sprinted down the left sideline into the endzone completing the 80-yard play.

The Purple Knights ran a similar type of play against the Colts in a game 25 years ago. Current assistant coach David Guzman scored the touchdown in that game.

"Guzman played for me back in 1996 and that same play we ran here at Comp. He was on the receiving end of the lateral," Dutsar said "We were reminiscing about it and he told me we should put it in. He called me today and said, 'First play?' and I said absolutely."

Dumoulin also scored on the two-point conversion play.

The Colts scored their first touchdown with 7:58 left in the opening quarter when Fields completed a 10-yard TD pass over the middle to junior Kaleb Kemp. Cabrera sacked the QB on the conversion play.

Four minutes later, Holyoke took a 16-6 lead following Cabrera's first TD reception. He also made an amazing one-handed catch in the end zone in the middle of the second quarter.

Cabrera's second receiving touchdown was sandwiched between a pair of rushing touchdowns by Conde tying the score at 22-22 with less than five minutes remaining in the opening half.

Following interceptions by both teams, the Purple Knights capped off the first half scoring with Cauley completing an 8-yard TD pass to Leary. The duo also hooked up on the two-point conversion play.

Conde scored his third rushing touchdown on his team's first possession of the third quarter. He was tackled by Holyoke junior Russell Rivera short of the goal line on the conversion try making the score 30-28.

The Purple Knights entered the final quarter holding a 36-28 advantage following a five-yard touchdown run by Cauley, who was injured early in the fourth quarter and didn't return to action.

With 5:43 left in the game, Conde scored his fourth TD on a one-yard run. Just like in the third quarter, Comp failed to tie the score on the conversion play.

On the second play of Holyoke's next offensive series, Dumoulin broke away from several would be tacklers and rambled 65 yards into the endzone. Then sophomore QB Dymetri Gonzales, who had never thrown a pass in a varsity game, tossed a TD pass to sophomore David Sicard on the conversion play, which increased the Purple Knights lead to 44-34.

"This is the first time that Gonzales has ever played quarterback in a varsity game," Dutsar said. "We had to battle really hard to win this game."

Gonzales also intercepted a pass preventing the Colts from scoring another touchdown.

The Colts offense would have one final scoring chance, but they turned the ball over on downs.

Then Gonzales took a knee a couple of times before the referee blew his whistle for the final time.

Valley Wheel Baseball seeks new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is looking for new players for the 2021 season, which is set to begin at the end of April. Players who are 28-years-old prior to June 1 are eligible to play in the league this season, however, only those 30 by June 1 are eligible to pitch. The league includes six teams and there is a 15-game season that begins on Sunday, April 25. Games are 12 Sundays, a special Mother's Day weekend Saturday game, and two weekday night games under the lights. The season ends the final week of July with

the playoffs for the top four teams during the first two weeks of August. Tryouts are set for the first three weekends in April. Tryouts will be Saturday, April 3, Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, April 18, all weather-permitting. A draft for new players will be held after the final tryout. All players bat and every player spends at least four innings in the field. The league will be playing with some minor modifications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, please contact League Commissioner Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net.

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teams as the first two weeks of spring often are filled with weather issues, and rain can sometimes cancel many baseball and softball games.

There will be no neutral sites for the tournament, and the higher seed will be the home team through the tournament. However, it is not known if neutral sites will be used in the two-game state tournament.

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also starts preparations for an event that is hallowed in Modified lore.

"The Icebreaker is always the big opener in New England to get back going and get started racing again, so I'm definitely looking forward to that," two-time Modified Racing Series champion Chris Pasteryak said. "As for the season in general, the way I look at it is that the Thompson 300 is the biggest Modified race of the year. So the more laps we get at Thompson over the course of the year leading up to the 300, hopefully the better we can run in it."

In-between the Icebreaker 125 and the Thompson 300 are four \$5,000-to-win Wednesday night shows on June 16, July 7, August 11, and September 15. The Wednesday dates make it easy for teams to tackle the Thompson high banks without weekly or touring series conflicts.

In the meantime, all eyes are on the Icebreaker showdown. The event is 125 green-flag laps with teams allowed to use eight tires. Racers have to be fast and use the right strategy to stand in Victory Lane.

"I love it," Oakdale, CT's Zachem said of the 125-lap distance. "It's a pit-stop race, so more or less, you are racing to halfway to figure out your pit stop situation. I'm looking forward to it. We've always run well over at Thompson."

It's definitely going to make a difference," Moosup, CT's Pasteryak added. "When you're counting caution laps and you get to 50

or 60 laps to go, you normally only count on getting about 35 of them under green. Whereas now when you get to 50 or 60 to go, there's still potentially a pretty long race left. And then you know that, if you have some tires left in the pit stall, or you want to try a strategy where you hold off and pit a little bit later, you know you're going to have that many laps to actually try and race your way back to the front and not just ride around behind the pace car to finish the day."

A total of 29 drivers have pre-entered the event, including Keith Rocco, Mike Christopher Jr., Eric Goodale, Andrew Krause, Patrick Emerling, and Jeff Gallup. The current entry list alone accounts for dozens of championships and hundreds of race wins. Several other teams have indicated they'll be there, setting up a stacked field with many potential winners.

The Outlaw Open Modified Series is the brainchild of PASS's Tom Mayberry and ACT's Cris Michaud, who are co-promoting the Thompson Speedway oval track events this season. The duo put on two events at Thompson in 2020 and have banded together to carry on the track's storied tradition.

Thompson Speedway opened in 1940 and was long known as the "Indianapolis of the East", attracting every notable name in motorsports. Even today, the track is revered among the racing community. Drivers such as Ryan Preece, Harrison Burton, Bobby Santos III, and Derek Griffith have used Thompson victories as a springboard to national opportunities.

"What Cris Michaud and Tom

Mayberry have done for Thompson is huge," Zachem said. "Taking the chance last year to run the track, with everything going on with COVID...I started at the Little T Speedway in 2000 and everyone's dream is to run the big track one day and I made it there. It's really cool to see the track still going."

Thompson Speedway opens its 82nd season with the annual Icebreaker on Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11. Ten local and regional series go green at the two-day racing festival. Sunday's card features the \$10,000-to-win Icebreaker 125 for the Outlaw Open Modified Series. There's also a 40-lap ACT-type Late Model shootout plus the Limited Sportsman and SK Light Modifieds. Post time is 1:15pm.

Saturday's six-division card is highlighted by the Thompson 75 for the PASS North Super Late Models beginning at 1:00pm. They're joined by the Sunoco Modifieds, NEMA LITES Midgets, EXIT Realty Pro Truck Challenge, Mini Stocks, and an 8-Cylinder Street Stock Open. An optional Test N' Tune practice day is slated for Friday, April 9 for all Icebreaker divisions.

Adult general admission is \$30 for Saturday and \$35 for Sunday. Kids ages 12 and under are \$10 each day. Advance tickets are available at <https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motorsports-Park-YHPQ>. Grandstand attendance is limited to 50% of capacity per Connecticut COVID-19 guidelines. Pit passes will be sold at the track.



Stoneleigh-Burnham School Offers In-Person Day & Residential Summer Camps

GREENFIELD – Stoneleigh-Burnham School (SBS), an independent day and boarding school in Greenfield, Massachusetts, is pleased to announce in-person day and residential summer camps for equestrians, performing artists, debaters and public speakers ages 7-18. SBS's signature summer programs are hosted by expert faculty on their beautiful 100-acre campus in Greenfield. The programs emphasize the development of confidence, the acquisition of skills, and the discovery of new talents.

SBS's Summer Camps begin June 20, 2021 and include Speak Up I, an introduction to debate & public speaking for girls ages 10-13; Speak Up II, an advanced program for girls ages 13-18 with experience in debate & public speaking; Performing Arts Camp, a coed program for students ages 10-18 with an interest in dancing, singing and acting; the premier Bonnie Castle Riding Camp, a riding program for girls ages 8-16 for all skill levels; and a new Horsemanship Day Camp for boys and girls ages 7-12.

Parents and guardians will be able to choose between three choices of camp structure: a day camp schedule from 8am-4pm that includes lunch, an extended day camp schedule from 8am-8pm that includes lunch and dinner, or the weekly residential camp option. There are discounts available for returning families, families who register more than one child, or those who sign up for multiple weeks. Financial assistance for day campers may also be available to those who qualify.

SBS Summer Program Director Heidi Gebo has been directing youth camps throughout Massachusetts' Pioneer Valley for 20 years. "It's important for us to be able to offer

a diverse array of camp options for students and give families multiple options to help accommodate their work schedules," said Heidi.

To learn more or to register, please visit sbschool.org/summer or email summerprograms@sbschool.org.

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Factors to consider before choosing a summer camp

Adults often look back fondly on their childhood experiences at summer camp. Camps can provide the opportunity to form lifelong friendships and discover rewarding hobbies that can enrich campers’ lives for decades to come.

Choosing a summer camp is no small task, as the options at families’ disposal range from overnight camps to weekday afternoon camps to camps that specialize in certain programs, such as music or dance. Cost also is likely to factor into families’ decisions, as the American Camp Association notes that cost can vary greatly depending on which camp families choose. For example, the ACA notes that the average daily fee at a resident camp is \$85, while the same fee at a day camp is \$43.

When looking for a summer camp for kids, families should make the decision together. Kids should be involved in the selection process, as they’re more likely to have an enjoyable camp experience if they had a say in where they will be spending their summers. The following are some factors families should consider as they look for summer camps, courtesy of the ACA.

Kids’ interests

The ACA urges parents to consider the child’s interests and personality before choosing a summer camp. Parents might want their children to attend the same summer camp they visited as youngsters, but each child is different. Just because mom



and dad liked a particular camp does not mean their children will. The ACA notes that summer camps should align with children’s interests and maturity level.

Locale

Locale may only be a consideration for families considering overnight camps. Kids will likely be familiar with the locations of local day camps, but overnight camps might be set in mountain ranges, near the ocean or environments less familiar to youngsters. Kids who love the ocean might benefit from oceanfront camps that focus on marine biology, boating or other activities involving the water. In the same vein, youngsters who like camping and hiking might be more likely to embrace camps located in mountainous regions.

Session length

Camps may last as little as one week or up to a couple of months. Session length should be considered by families looking at both local day camps and overnight resident camps. Parents who want their children to enjoy a largely schedule-free summer might not want to commit their children to lengthy camp sessions, even if those sessions are close to home. If parents think their children can benefit from the same structure they’re accustomed to during the school year, then an overnight camp that stretches for several weeks might be what they’re looking for.

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CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL ZONING COMMITTEE LEGAL NOTICE

The Zoning Committee of the Chicopee City Council will hold a public hearing **Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM*** in the Council Chambers, 4th floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013 to discuss the following:

Zone Change application from Business A to Residential A for 5227 SF for the purpose of converting existing business into a single-family residence located at 3 Hartford St. Applicant – Jose Rosa, 181 Elm St., Holyoke, MA 01040.

The plans/application can be viewed on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>

***COVID-19:** Pursuant to the Governor’s Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A due to the novel Coronavirus outbreak, the April 28, 2021 Zoning Committee hearing shall be available to the public via zoom and in person. As required, alternative public access to this hearing shall be provided in the following manner: The hearing will be conducted via teleconference (Zoom). Anyone wishing to participate either in person in the Chambers or remotely shall, provide notice to the Office of the City Council by calling (413) 594-1435 M-F 8:30 AM – 5 PM or by email at aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov by April 26, 2021. Those giving such notice will need to identify the public hearing and provide their name, address and contact phone number to minimize the potential for zoom bombing of the meeting and if attending in person to be screened as required by the City of Chicopee.

The petition and materials related to this proposal are on file in the Office of the City Council, Chicopee City Hall, 274 Front Street, (plans and applications are also available on the City Council website <https://www.chicopeema.gov/880/Pending-Applications>.) You may also call (413) 594-1435 or email aczarniecki@chicopeema.gov. 04/09, 04/16/2021

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD21P0584EA Estate of: Robert J Bushey Date of Death: 02/13/2021

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Carolyn M Burke** of Wilbraham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Carolyn M Burke** of Wilbraham, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 04/27/2021.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: March 30, 2021

Rosemary A Saccomani Register of Probate 04/09/2021

Notice of Sale Gen.Laws C.255,Sec.39A Chucks Towing, 78West St., Chicopee, MA is holding a private sale **April 30, 2021 at 4 P.M.** to satisfy garage keepers lien for storage and towing charges and expenses notice of sale.

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Docket No. HD21P0594EA Estate of:

Sara Mary Kelleher Also known as: Sara Kelleher

Date of Death: 01/05/2016 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons: A Petition for **Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment** has been filed by **Mary Kelleher** of Fort Worth, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Mary Kelleher** of Fort Worth, TX be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised administration**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 01, 2021

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LEGAL NOTICE

To: Anyone with an interest in a permanent easement located at Massasoit Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts adjacent to 140 Newbury Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts.

The City of Chicopee intends to grant a permanent easement to the owner of 140 Newbury Street, Chicopee, Massachusetts for a sum certain, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the northerly side of Newbury Street, said iron pipe marks the southeasterly corner of land owned by the Estate of Julie M. Leonard, recorded in Book 4882, Page 77.

Thence running northerly on land owned by the City of Chicopee, said land shown as Massasoit Street in Plan Book T, Page 45, plus or minus 142 feet.

Thence westerly, plus or minus 65 feet to a point on the easterly line of the property owned by the Estate of Julie M. Leonard. Said line is also the westerly line of the land of the City of Chicopee.

Thence, plus or minus 156 feet to the iron pipe on the northerly line of Newbury Street which marks the point of beginning.

Easement contains plus or minus 4,615 square feet.

Anyone having an interest in this easement is instructed to contact the Chicopee Law Department- 17 Springfield Street, Chicopee, MA 01013, at 413-594-1520 at cpaul@chicopeema.gov or in writing, no later than 30 days after the date of this publication. If no one comes forward with an interest in the easement within 30 days of the notice of publication, the City shall move forward with granting an easement to the owner. 04/09/2021

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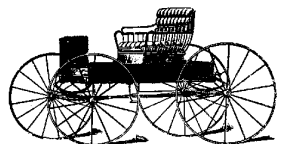
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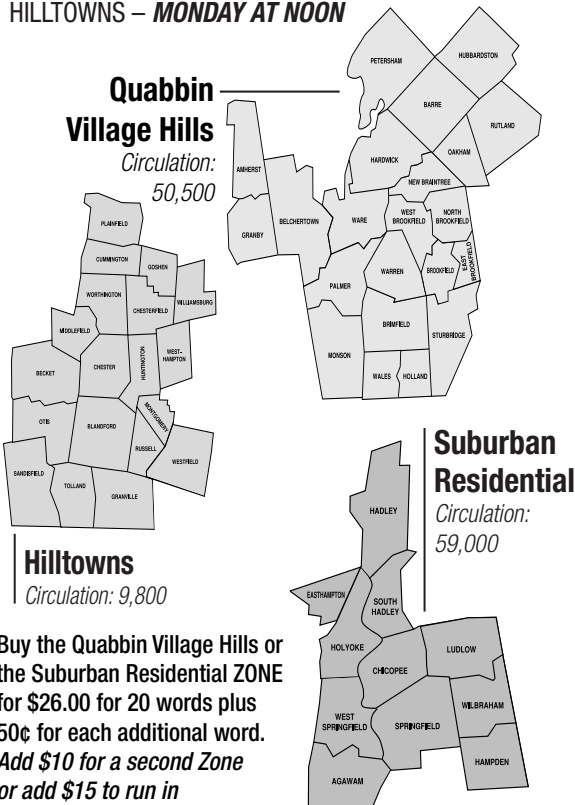
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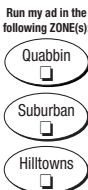
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SPRINGFIELD – Women and the COVID-19 vaccine are back in the news again.

First it was the question as to whether pregnant women should get the vaccine, now the concern is over mammograms and the effects the COVID vaccines may play in imaging, which can result in false positives.

Since the first of the COVID-19 vaccines began to roll out in late December, radiologists across the country have seen an increase in abnormal mammograms which showed swollen lymph nodes.

“The presence of swollen lymph nodes, although rare, on a mammogram could be a sign of breast cancer requiring an additional exam or even a biopsy. When women receive a callback after a mammogram, it can be quite anxiety producing, but usually doesn’t mean cancer,” said radiologist Dr. Jennifer Hadro,

medical co-director of breast imaging at Baystate Health.

To save women the anxiety over a possible false positive, the Society of Breast Imaging released the following statement: “If possible, and when it does not unduly delay care, consider scheduling screening exams prior to the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccination or four to six weeks following the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.”

“Swollen lymph nodes on the side of the injection are not unusual after being vaccinated

against other viruses such as the flu and may actually be a good sign. Their presence is an indication that the vaccine is likely doing its job and your body is beginning to build up an immunity to the virus,” Hadro said.

Women with irregular results on their mammogram will need a follow-up after their second dose of the vaccine in order to be certain that the inflammation was nothing more than a side effect to the vaccine.

“The recommendations above apply to screening mammography only, meaning women

without any concerns such as a lump or other breast changes. We know that mammograms save lives, and if your doctor has ordered a mammogram as a precaution after feeling a lump or other concern, it’s important to keep that appointment even if you have been vaccinated in the past four to six weeks,” said Hadro.

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